I.C.P.O. Calendar

22-31 December 2005

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I.C.P.O. Calendar (Dec 22 - Dec 31, 2005)
Islands, Castles & Portable Operations.
Operations are listed by start date (Day/Month/Year).
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22/12/2005: Bill, KM1E, is presently active as C6AGN from Green Turtle Cay (IOTA NA-080), Little Bahama Bank, until March 8, 2006. Activity will be on all HF bands. QSL via home call. [Tnx DXNL]

22/12/2005: Hide, JM1LJS, plans to be QRV as KH2VL/KH0 from Saipan (IOTA OC-086), Northern Mariana Islands December 22-25th. QSL via JM1LJS (QRZ.com). [Tnx JM1LJS]

22/12/2005: Look for Matsuda, JM3PIT, to be active from Guam (IOTA OC-026) December 22-26th. His callsign and bands of activity were not provided. QSL via JM3PIT. [Tnx OPDX]

22/12/2005: Igor, RA3GJ, will be active until December 25th as UE3GMF from Sovietsky, Lipetsk area (RDA reference LP-04, for the Russian districts award), Lipetskaya oblast (LP). QSL direct or bureau. [Tnx RX3RC]

23/12/2005: 4Z4BS, 4Z4KX, 4Z5LA, 4Z5FI, 4Z1UF and 4X1VF will operate as 4X411A from the Dead Sea, the lowest exposed point on the Earth's surface. The Dead Sea is 411 meters deep at its deepest point, hence the special call issued to this operation. Activity will take place December 23-24th, with two stations on 80-10 meter CW and SSB, from Holyland square L-26-BS. QSL via 4Z4BS. [Tnx 425DXN]

23/12/2005: Eric, K9GY, will be active as C6AYM from December 23rd to January 1st. He will be on the Islands of New Providence [Nassau] (IOTA NA-001, lighthouse WLOTA LH-1115) and Paradise (IOTA NA-001). Activity will be mainly QRP CW on 40-10 meters and also 6 and 2 meters. QSL via K9GY. [Tnx OPDX]

23/12/2005: Helmut, DL7VOX, will be active as DL7VOX/p from Usedom Island (IOTA EU-129, GIA O-013 for the German Islands Award) between December 23, 2005 and January 2, 2006. He will operate CW only on the HF bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

23/12/2005: Jean Michel, F5PRR/p, will be active December 23-26th from several French Mills. He plans to activate the Mill of Longor (DMF 55-011), commune of Pagny on Meuse (DDCF 55-28), Void Vacon (CP 55190) on December 23rd; then the Mill of Chanteraine (DMF 55-012), commune of German St on Meuse (DDCF 55-24), Vaucouleur (CP 55190) on December 24th; and finally the Mill of Villiers (DMF 55-013), commune of Aulnoy under Veruzey (DDCF 55-05), Commercy (CP 55200) on December 26th. Activity will be on 40-15 meters, including WARC bands. There is also the possibility that Jean Michel will activate the Castle of Gombervaux (DFCF 55-023). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F5PRR]

24/12/2005: On Saturday, December 24th, a group of operators will activate the lowest point in the world in the dead sea, which is 411 meters below sea level. That operation will use the call 4X411A and will

operate with two stations simultaneously. This portable operation will be from Holyland area L-26-BS. Between 09:00 to 12:00 UTC they will move with mobiles and activate M-25-BS and M-26-BS (may be also M-24-BS). They will use their own calls 4Z5LA/M and 4X1VF/M. From my own experience the salty ground there has excellent reflection and contacts may be done with all directions including all continents. QSL via operators' instructions. [Tnx 4X4JU]

24/12/2005: Radio Club, F6KUQ, will be QRV December 24th as F6KUQ/P from the Castle of Prince Noir (Black Prince, DFCF 33-162 reference for the French castles award), located in Blanquefort City (Zip Code 33290), Region of Aquitaine. Activity will be on 40 meters, mainly SSB and SSTV. Operators will include Yann F8BWM, Christian F4CIF, Jacques F1HRU and Thierry F1DHX. QSL via F6KUQ, direct (Radio Club F6KUQ, Chateau de Choisy, Rejouit (RN10), 33610 Cestas, France) or bureau. [Tnx F5PPR]

24/12/2005: Kenji, JA4GXS/4, will be active December 24th from Yashiro Island (IOTA AS-117, JIIA AS-117-118), JA4 Yamaguchi Prefecture. Activity will be on 40, 30, 20 and 15 meter CW and SSB (IOTA frequencies). QSL via home call, direct (Kenji Sasaki, 2-15 Ishikannon-cyo, Yamaguchi-City, 753-0038 JAPAN) or bureau. [Tnx JI6KVR]

25/12/2005: John, N7ON, will be vacationing on Kauai Island (IOTA OC-019, USI HI-003S, Kauai county), Hawaii, December 25-29th. This will be a casual operation on 40, 30 and 20 meter CW only. This activity will also count for the Kauai Island Lighthouse (WLOTA LH-1761). QSL via home call (QRZ.com). [Tnx rsgbiota.org]

25/12/2005: James, M0ZZO, plans to be QRV December 25th as MM0ZZO from The Cobbler (Ben Arthur) summit (SOTA GM/SS-020, 884M), Southern Scotland region. Activity will be weather and over indulgence dependent on 40 meter SSB, 2 meter SSB and FM, starting around 11:00 UTC. QSL via home call. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

25/12/2005: Philippe, F4EGS, returns to Chad from December 25th to the end of February 2006, and again from May to July 2006. These are Military assignments. Once again the callsign TT8PK has been issued. Activity is scheduled from 20 to 10 meters with a FT100 and a MA5V antenna. If Philippe may have the loan of Cushcraft R7 or R8 antenna, he will be active from 40 to 10 meters. The mode uses are digitals and may be SSB. You can indicate to Philippe, the bands you are needing from Chad/TT8, at Philippe's address: kochp@wanadoo.fr . QSL via F4EGS. He will answer the QSLs when he return to Metropolitan, France. [Tnx F5NQL]

26/12/2005: Sven, DD6VSF/p, will be active from Norderney Island (IOTA EU-047, GIA/DID N-05 for the German Islands award, lighthouse WLOTA LH-1621) between December 26, 2005, and January 5, 2006. As this activation will be a holiday style operation, 24/7 activity is definitely not planned. Look for Sven between 40 and 10 meters, ARC included, CW only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx rsgbiota.org]

27/12/2005: James, M0ZZO, plans to be QRV December 27th as MM0ZZO from Cruach nam Mult summit (SOTA GM/SS-108, 611M), Southern Scotland region, starting around 11:00 UTC and also from Stob an Eas summit (SOTA GM/SS-055, 732M), Southern Scotland region, starting around 14:30 UTC. Activity will be weather and over indulgence dependent on 40 meter SSB, 2 meter SSB and FM, starting around 11:00 UTC. QSL via home call. [Tnx

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27/12/2005: Cris, PY7GK, plans to be QRV December 27-30th from Itaparica Island [BA] (IOTA SA-023, DIB 15 for the Brazilian Islands award). Activity will be on 20, 15 and 10 meters, maybe 40 meters, CW and SSB. QSL via home call (QRZ.com). [Tnx rsgbiota.org]

28/12/2005: Rich, PA0RRS, will be active from Penang Island (AS-015) between December 28, 2005, to March 8, 2006. He will operate as 9M2/PA0RRS, but hopefully he will get an official 9M2 callsign. A trip to Langkawi Island (AS-058) may be possible. QSL via home call, direct (Richard Smeets, Schoorveken 100, 5121 NM Rijen, The Netherlands) or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

28/12/2005: Take, JI3DST, will be active as JI3DST/JS6 from Miyako Island (IOTA AS-079, JIIA AS-079-005) between December 28, 2005 and January 8, 2006. He will be QRV from Miyakojima-city, Okinawa-ken (JCC 4714), from the tourist home, betweem 11:00-15:00 UTC and 19:00-23:00 UTC on 1.9, 3.5, 7, 18, 21, 24, 28, and 50 MHz SSB, SSTV, RTTY and CW. Outside the tourist home he will be QRV 2:00-7:00 UTC on 18-50 MHz SSB, CW, SSTV, RTTY and FM. During his stay, Take plans to activate Ikema Island (IOTA AS-079, JIIA AS-079-001) and Kurima Island (IOTA AS-079, JIIA AS-079-003) one or two times. He also plans a one time operation, weather permitting, from Irabu Island (IOTA AS-079, JIIA AS-079-002), Shimoji Island (IOTA AS-079, JIIA AS-079-007) and Ogami Island (IOTA AS-079, JIIA AS-079-006). QSL via home call through the JARL bureau only. [Tnx JI3DST]

28/12/2005: James, M0ZZO, plans to be QRV December 28th as MM0ZZO from Cruach an Lochain summit (SOTA GM/SS-166, 508M), Southern Scotland region. Activity will be weather and over indulgence dependent on 40 meter SSB, 2 meter SSB and FM, starting around 11:00 UTC. QSL via home call. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

28/12/2005: Nao, JK1FNL, will be QRV December 28-31st as V63O from Pohnpei (OC-010), Micronesia. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via JK1FNL, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

28/12/2005: Willy, ON5AX, will be traveling the Antarctic waters again. He will be active onboard of the vessel "Europa" touring around the Antarctic Peninsula / South Shetlands between December 28th and January 18th. Willy will be active on CW/SSB on all bands up to 30 meters signing VP8DII/mm. He will be using an ALINCO DX70, SGC 231 antenna tuner and a longwire antenna. Willy will look for Western Europe, especially on Saturday and Sunday afternoons on 14020, 14220, 21020 and 21220 kHz. QSL via ON5AX. [Tnx OPDX]

28/12/2005: Kan, AB2RF, will be active from Cayman Island (IOTA NA-016, lighthouse WLOTA LH-1042) as ZF2CJ between December 28, 2005 and January 1, 2006. Activity will be focused on the low bands and the digital modes. QSL via AB2RF. [Tnx OPDX]

29/12/2005: Richard, GW3CWI/p, will be active December 29th from the following locations for the Summits On The Air award (SOTA) - Foel Goch summit (SOTA GW/NW-039, 611M), North Wales region, Grid Reference: SH 953423, starting 12:30 UTC; and Carnedd y Filiast summit (SOTA GW/NW-032, 669M), North Wales region, Grid Reference: SH 871446, starting 15:30 UTC. Both will be short activations on 7.030 MHz CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

29/12/2005: James, M0ZZO, plans to be QRV December 29th as MM0ZZO from Beinn Luibhean summit (SOTA GM/SS-025, 858M), Southern Scotland region, starting around 11:00 UTC and also from Beinn Ime summit (SOTA GM/SS-006, 1011M), Southern Scotland region, starting around 14:30 UTC. Activity will be weather and over indulgence dependent on 40 meter SSB, 2 meter SSB and FM, starting around 11:00 UTC. QSL via home call. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

30/12/2005: Jean-Marie, F8CHM, will be active from Reunion Island (IOTA AF-016) as FR5EZ from December 30, 2005 until January 3, 2006 and again from January 11-17th, 2006. In the time between Jean-Marie will visit Rodrigues Island, 3B9. QSL via F8CHM. [Tnx DXNL]

30/12/2005: Richard, GW3CWI/p, will be active December 30th from the following locations for the Summits On The Air award (SOTA) - Cyrniau Nod summit (SOTA GW/NW-034, 667M), North Wales region, Grid Reference: SH 988279, starting 11:30 UTC; and Arenig Fach summit (SOTA GW/NW-027, 689M), North Wales region, Grid Reference: SH 821416, starting 15:00 UTC. Both will be short activations on 7.030 MHz CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

30/12/2005: James, M0ZZO, plans to be QRV December 30th as MM0ZZO from Beinn an Lochain summit (SOTA GM/SS-018, 901M), Southern Scotland region. Activity will be weather and over indulgence dependent on 40 meter SSB, 2 meter SSB and FM, starting around 11:00 UTC. QSL via home call. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

31/12/2005: Sam, G4OHX, reports that he will be QRV from the island of Antigua between December 31, 2005 and January 13, 2006. He has not yet been given a call, but it will possibly be V25OHX. This will be a holiday style operation with activity on 30, 20 and 17 meters in his free time. QSL via home call. [Tnx F5NQL]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

03/01/2006: Jean-Marie, F8CHM, will make a short trip to Rodrigues Island (IOTA AF-017) from January 3-11th. He intends to work as 3B9/FR5EZ mainly on 30 and 17 meters. QSL via F8CHM. [Tnx DXNL]

21/03/2006: Barry, ZS1FJ, plans to be active March 21-31st from Hollams Bird Island (IOTA AF-New!), Erongo/Hardap Region Group, Namibia, using the call V55HB. QSL via ZS1FJ (QRZ.com). Further information will be forthcoming. [Tnx rsgbiota.org]

05/07/2006: Jarno (OH6NJ), Pertti (OH6PL) and Markku (OH6UV) plan to be active as OH6AW/5 from the island of Kaunissaari (IOTA EU-140) from July 5-10th. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via OH6AD (QRZ.com). [Tnx rsgbiota.org]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

01/01/2006: Centenary of the First Trans-Atlantic Voice Transmission - GB1FVT will be on air from the orginal Machrihanish transmitting site for two to three days in January, 2006. The activity is being led by Duncan McArthur, GM3TNT, assisted by a team of Radio Amateurs from the area. The local group, led by Duncan McArthur and friends, have organised a number of events to mark the centenary of the transmission. The site at Machrihanish was built by Reginald Fessenden in 1905 and from there the first voice transmissions were sent across the Atlantic. Until then the site had only been using Morse code when, by accident, a

voice transmission which was only intended to go between Brant Rock and Cobb Island nearby was received at Machrihanish. At this station it was the first time CW contacts were repeatedly received BOTH ways across the Atlantic as opposed to Marconi's claimed one way. QSL via operators' instructions. [Tnx GB2RS]

01/01/2006: Bedworth Lions Awareness Month - Lions Clubs International, the world?s largest volunteer service organization, will sponsor a special event station to be operated by Great Britain?s Bedworth Lions Club January 1-28th. The station will operate on 2 meter FM and 80-10 meter SSB with the call sign GB4BLC. For details, go to www.lions105m.org.uk/~bedworth [Tnx GB2RS]

01/01/2006: St Dunstan's Amateur Radio Society has been granted a special event station call sign - GB30STD - to celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2006. The club will operate the special call from January 1 to December 31, 2006. QSL via G3SEJ (QRZ.com). [RSGB, Newsline]

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AWARDS -

3-CONTACT SPECIAL AWARD
RECALADA LIGHTHOUSE 100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

Supporting the centennial of the starting up of the Recalada Lighthouse (ARG 009) that will be on 1st January, 2006, the Bahia Blanca DX Group together with Radio Club Tandil (LU2EE) and Punta Alta Radio Club (LU6DG) are organizing the 3-CONTACT SPECIAL AWARD.

Any radio amateur or SWL all over the world with official license can participate. It will take place between 16th December, 2005 and 6th January, 2006 included.
Those who are interested will have to communicate with the special prefix (LR3DX) by which the Recalada Lighthouse will be identified.

Any contact in any band and mode will be valid. The bands will be 80 - 40 - 20 - 15 - 10 and 2 meters, in SSB, CW as well as DIGIMODES.

All radio amateurs will have to work with at least 3 THREE stations of BBDX Group, including (LR3DX) and the cost of the certificate postage paid will be 5 (five) IRC.

The special award, A4 format will be printed in illustration coloured paper, and will have the name of the person who asked for it and his/her license in laser print.
Together with the certificate you will also receive a special QSL card of the Recalada Lighthouse (LR3DX) in colour which will confirm such contact.
In the same packing you will also receive the remaining QSL cards of the other participating stations.

Recalada Lighthouse Info: Is the most longer in South America and the 6th.longer of the world. (73 Mt.)
Location: Lat. 39?00' S Long. 61?16' W
Grid Loc: FF91ia

The CONFIRMATION DEADLINE will expire on 31st. February, 2006.

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** I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year 2006. **
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73 and Good Hunting!
Dave Raycroft - VA3RJ
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